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ARMY BANDS.

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ARMY BANDS HAVE BEEN PLAYING LONGER THAN ANY OTHER AMERICAN MUSICAL GROUP.

For more than 200 years, ever since the Revolutionary War, Army bands have been playing the longest continuing gig of any American musical organization.

Throughout our history, thousands of musician-soldiers, playing just about every instrument in just about every setting, have been entertaining audiences at home and abroad.

ARMY BANDS PLAY FOR MORE THAN PARADES.

Sure you march in parades and play military concerts, but you also do much more. You play everything from big band, jazz, country & western, and rock, to classical concerts. You play for all kinds of audiences, both military and civilian.

And no matter which Army band you play for, there'll be very little downtime. A typical day might include a morning concert at a public school, a county fair in the afternoon and an official reception in the evening. It's not unusual to play forty to fifty performances a month.

YOU'RE NEVER BETWEEN ENGAGEMENTS.

Being a performing musician can have its downside when it comes to landing a job. But when you become a member of an Army band, you'll be working steadily for the largest employer of musicians in the country.

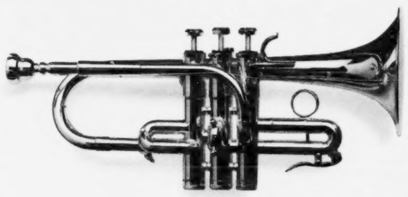
The Army has over fifty bands in Europe, the Pacific, and all across America, and you'll always be playing somewhere.

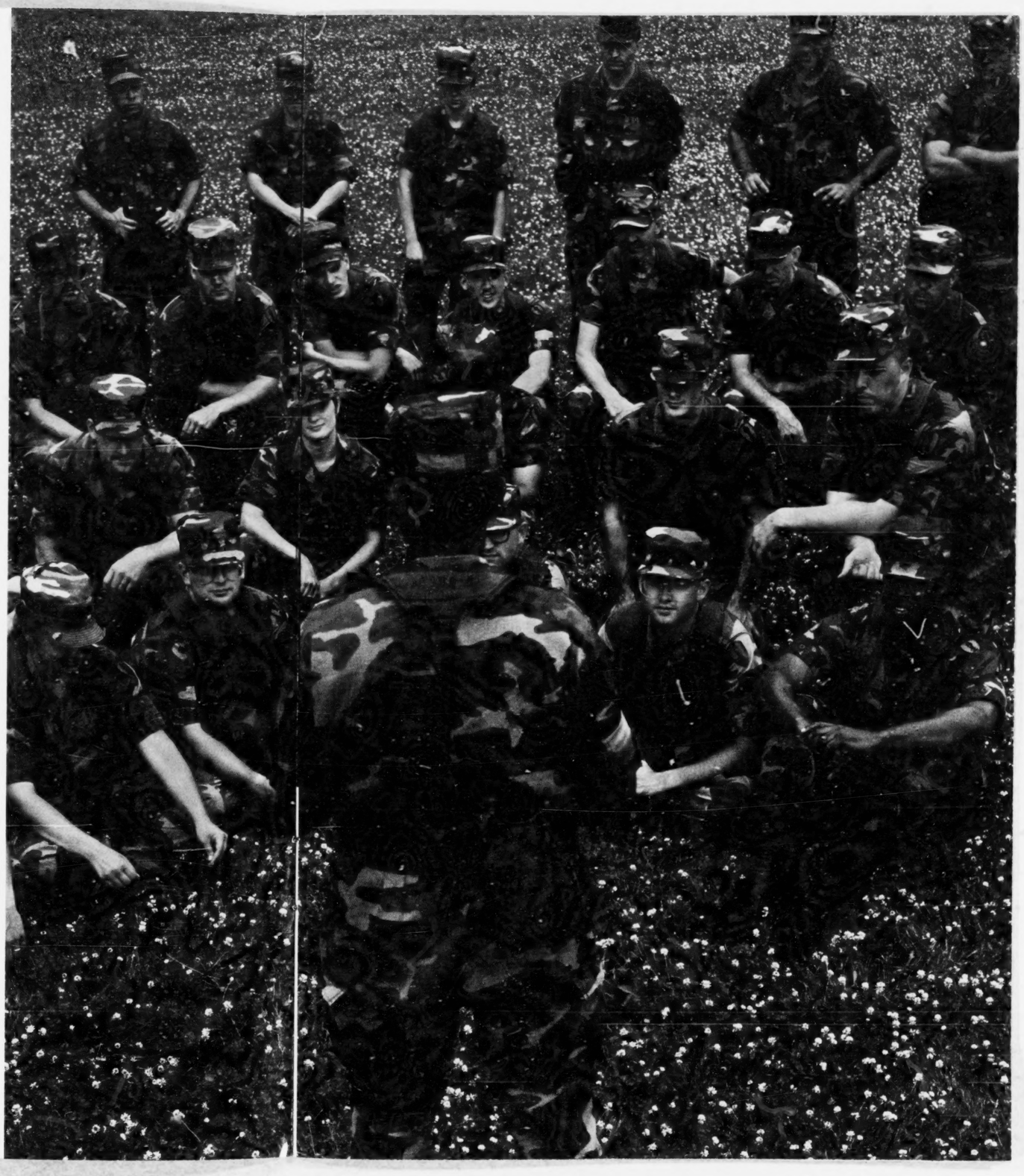
"In Basic Training, I continually learned you can do more than you think you can—a pleasant surprise. I finished Basic feeling proud—and in the best physical shape of my life."

SPC Lois E. Whitlock

FIRST YOU BECOME A SOLDIER.

Before you begin your musical career in the Army, you must successfully complete Basic Training, which lasts eight weeks. During this time, you will learn the basics of being a soldier. After you're assigned to an Army band, periodic field exercises will keep your military skills sharp.





NEXT WE FINE-TUNE YOUR TALENT.

After Basic Training, you'll get down to six months of serious study at the School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia.

You'll find 100 private practice rooms, six dance band rooms, and three large concert band halls equipped with videotape and recording equipment.

Accomplished musicians will give classes and private instruction in music theory, harmony, improvisation, ear training, sight-singing and concert band techniques, as well as military drills and ceremonies.

"At the Army School of Music they take two years' worth of theory and ear training and private instruction and compress it into six months. They really fine-tune your skills."

SGT Keith Belcher

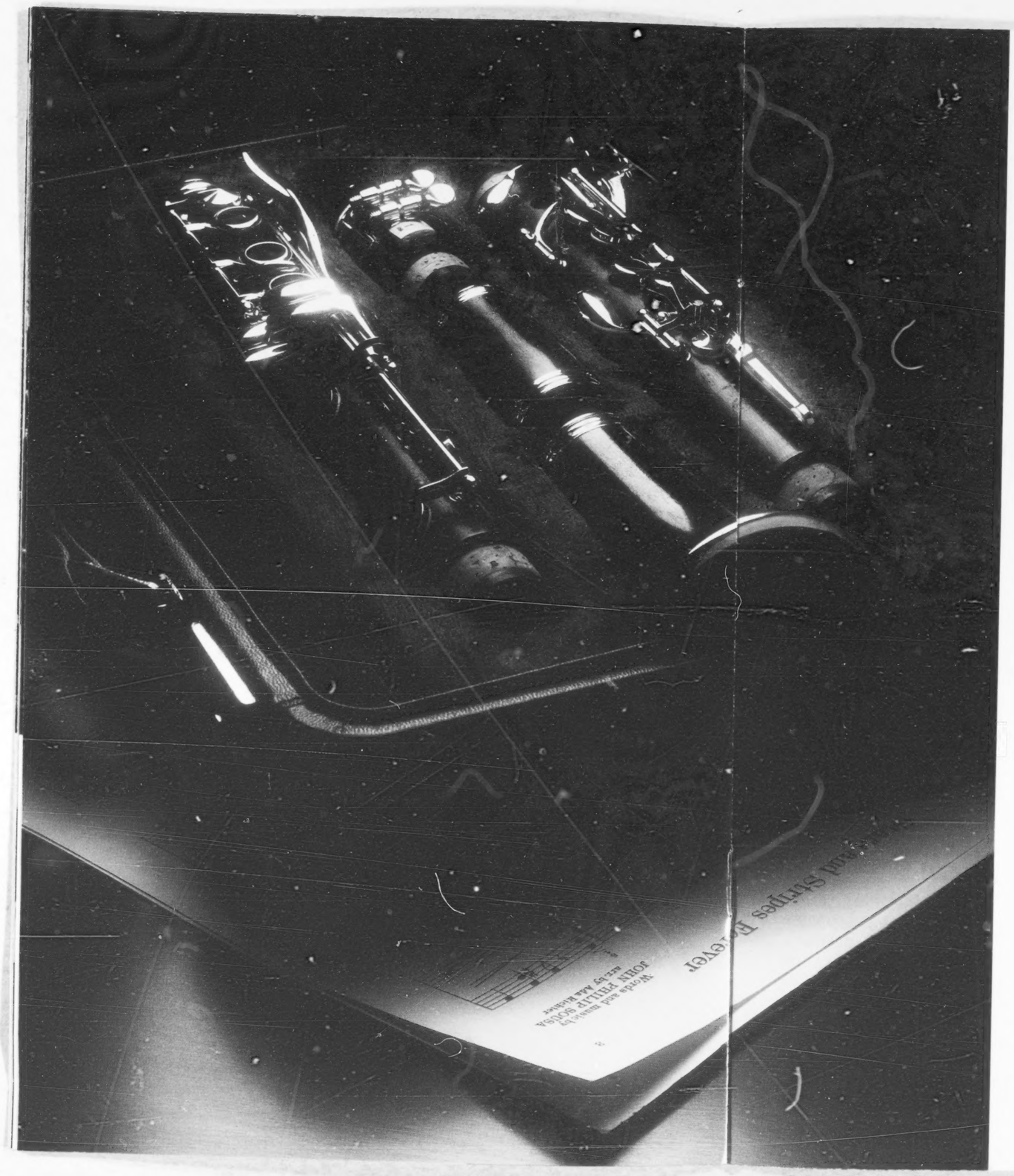
THEN YOU GET YOUR MARCHING ORDERS.

When you enlist to be a member of an Army band you also get to choose which band you want to play with. There are fifty Army bands. Bands from coast to coast and all across America. And if an overseas assignment is what you're looking for, you could request to be stationed in Belgium, Germany, Korea, Japan or Hawaii. The choice is up to you.

And there are also opportunities to qualify for the crème de la crème, one of our three special Army bands: The U.S. Army Band stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia; the U.S. Military Academy Band at West Point; and the U.S. Army Field Band in Washington, D.C. These are bands that can add to your prestige as well as bring you increases in pay and rank.

SSG Steven Ruckle

"When I was based in Germany, I played trumpet at fests, so language was no barrier—we had music in common. And it was great to relax in the Alps or drive to Italy on a weekend."



A CAREER AS AN ARMY MUSICIAN IS A GUARANTEE OF STEADY WORK.

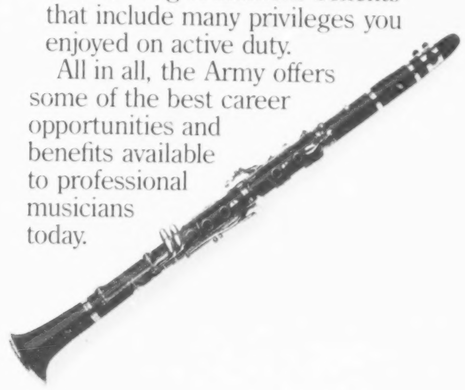
Let's face it, being a musician can sometimes be very frustrating if you have no place to play. But, as a musician in the Army, you'll always be playing somewhere, and you'll be offered a variety of opportunities that are hard to duplicate in civilian life.

Also, as an Army musician, you and your family can experience a sense of security that many of your civilian counterparts can only hope to achieve.

Here are just a few of the unequaled benefits that can be yours:

- Start at an advanced pay grade.
- Educational assistance to help you pay for college courses while you're in the Army, and college after the Army, and even to repay college loans.
- Instruments provided, as well as reeds, strings, and supplies to maintain the instrument.
- Opportunities to travel around the country and around the world.
- Government-paid travel and moving expenses.
- Medical and dental care for you and your family.
- Room and board or housing and food allowance provided.
- Full PX and commissary privileges for you and your family.
- Outstanding retirement benefits that include many privileges you enjoyed on active duty.

All in all, the Army offers some of the best career opportunities and benefits available to professional musicians today.



Mel Broiles,
Principal Trumpet,
Metropolitan Opera

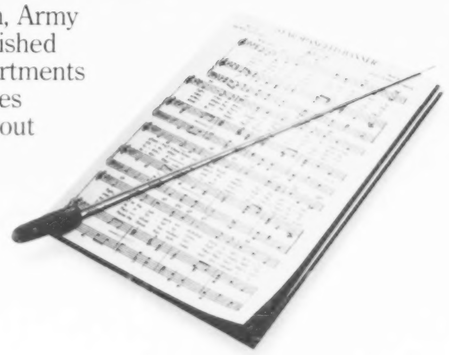
Larry Combs,
Principal Clarinet,
Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Joel diBartolo,
Bass Player,
The Tonight Show Band

EXPERIENCE TO BUILD ON.

Some of the best music careers started in the Army—big names like Herb Alpert, Chet Baker, Cannonball Adderley, Bill Evans, Don Ellis and Steve Gadd.

On the classical side, there probably isn't a major symphony orchestra in America that doesn't have at least one member who was formerly with an Army band.

And in musical education, Army Bands alumni hold distinguished positions in the music departments at many colleges, universities and conservatories throughout America.

LET'S MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC TOGETHER.

If you've been studying music in college, or if you are already a working musician, it could be well worth your while to consider playing with an Army band. And with your experience, who knows, you might even qualify for one of the Army's three special bands, which would mean automatic sergeant's rank and higher pay. But you'll never know unless you audition. So, take the first step. Contact the nearest Army bandmaster through your local Army Recruiter (listed in the Yellow Pages under "Recruiting") and set up an audition. Or call our Army Bands Hotline at 1-800-USA-ARMY.

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BE AN ARMY BANDS MEMBER.

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